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DECLARATION FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN PATENT APPLICATION

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Application Number	09/320,002
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METHOD FOR PREPARING LIGHT-ABSORBING POLYMERIC COMPOSITIONS

(Title of Invention)

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U.S. Parent Application Number	PCT Parent Number	Parent Filing Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	Parent Patent Number (if applicable)
60/031,478		11/27/1996	
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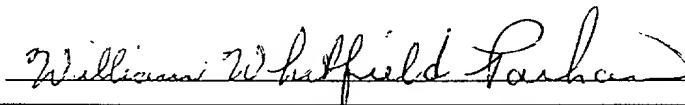
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